



EASTWOOD MEN'S CLUB

GOLF SHOP 281-6173

JUNE 2007

JUNE EVENT: SEATTLE SLEW MEMORIAL

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This is a Food Event

Our second event, scheduled for **Sunday, June 3, 2007**, will be a "Horse Race" tournament with an **8:00 SHOTGUN START**. This event features four man teams where the three best net scores of the team on each hole recorded with points awarded as follows:

Each player in the group plays his own ball. After the hole is completed, write your gross or actual score in the proper column.

Subtract the handicap strokes (designated by dots) you are given to get your net score.

The horse race point values are as follows:

Net Bogey	1 point	Net Par	2 points
Net Birdie	3 points	Net Eagle	4 points
Net Double Eagle	5 points		

Add together the best 3 of 5 point totals and write the total below on the scorecard.

****Horse Race Betting Available Before Shot-gun Start**

FIELD EVENTS: *Longest Drive*

Hole # 8/ #17 Handicap (0-9)

Hole # 3/ #12 Handicap (10-19)

Hole #7 / #16 Handicap (20+)

REMEMBER THE TEE TIME IS 8:00 A.M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Men's Club Members

Well, by now you are all into your golf season schedules. Hopefully your spouses and significant others know and accept as mine does that there are certain times of many days that there's golf to be played.

There's a great deal coming up that will give us all the opportunity to play and participate in golfing events. For the Men's Club the Thursday night events are kicking off, the Taylor Tourney (individual match play) and the 4-Ball events will also start rolling. Considering the grander scheme of things the Nationwide event at Somerby is coming up June 14 - 17. Last year I volunteered as an on course scorer and found it to be quite enjoyable to participate in the event, inside the ropes. I'll be doing the same again this year. While the scoring duties have been assigned I'm sure that other volunteer opportunities may still be available. Give 'em a call.

While it would be improper for me to make open challenges or predictions, this year I anticipate that my 4-Ball partner and I will be especially focused and ready for competition. You'd better bring your "A" game if you draw us as opponents. ■

Enjoy the season,

Brian

Cobra 2007
Golf Clubs:
30% Off
June Special
(excluding hybrids)

ROAD TRIP:

Mon. June 11
\$50.00

The Bridges Golf Club.

This includes tax, cart
and game. A great day
to be had by all.

This is the former
Winona Country Club.

Dear Men's Club Members:

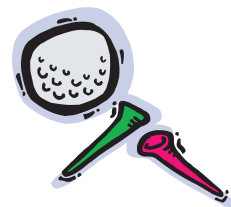
As the month of May has passed, hopefully the superb weather we've had has allowed your games' to come together nicely. Thanks to the efforts of Jeff Minske and his staff, the nine holes here at Eastwood are in the finest shape I have ever seen.

The grand opening of the driving range will be June 8th. Range hours will be 7:00 am to 7:00 pm (last bucket sold at 7:00 pm). There has been a road designed for access to the range, and a new short game/chipping area is being constructed as I write this publication. Range balls will be distributed from the pro shop. Your options for purchasing range balls will be:

Warm-up Bag	\$2.00 (20-25 balls)	Large Bucket	\$5.00 (50-55 balls)
10 Bucket Punch Card	\$40.00	Unlimited Usage & Locker Room	\$200/person (entire season)

Other range amenities include:

Old #9 Green	20-25 Hitting Stations
Bunker Area	6 Target Greens
9 Distance Plaques on the Tee Box	



My staff and I are very excited to open a driving range that you will all be proud to call your practice facility.

As we move into June, we look forward to some new tee-boxes, a new distance system, the opening of a new practice facility, the posting of four-ball brackets, a bus trip, the U.S. Open at Oakmont, and finally the continued maturation of both nines.

My staff is very excited to assist you with any of your golf needs and please feel free to demo any of the finest golf equipment in our pro shop. Thank you for letting us serve you and making your golf experience at Eastwood a pleasant one. ■

Your PGA Golf Professional,

Jeff Gorman

JEFF'S TEACHING SCHEDULE:

Tue. & Wed.
3pm – 7pm @ Hawthorne Hills



ON COURSE. . . with Jeff Minske

Thank- you to all of you who showed up to help clean up the tree line on the new nine. It was a big help.

It has been kind of a weird weather pattern that we have been in so far this year, we are almost seven inches below normal precipitation so far this year. Even though I have yet to play a round of golf this year the greens look awesome and I am told they are putting very nice. By the time you all read this the tees will be on the forward tee box on #2, it is not perfect but better than on a hillside. The numbers for the MGA markers have arrived and will be put in very shortly. I am extremely happy with the way the new tee signs and tee complexes have turned out, I only have one concern and am asking for your help in this matter. Can we please keep the gas carts away from the area between the tee signs and the tee. If you are with someone who drives there please ask them not to. Remember to fix your ball marks and replace your divots. ■

Jeff



ASSISTANTS CORNER

Greetings Eastwood Men's Club! We are now almost in to June, and with that comes some more consistent weather that I know gets all of us excited about the year. There have been many positive comments on the condition of the golf course and we can all thank Jeff Minske and his staff for providing us with such a lush playground.

I myself am very thrilled about being back here at Eastwood. The men's club consists of a great group of guys whom Ryan and I thoroughly enjoy working with as well as occasionally joining to stick a peg in the ground. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding of the "turn-time" situation. It is difficult for groups to always play in the same amount of time, but you guys have been very respectful of this temporary situation. **It will be worth the wait.**

The Thursday mini-events are now underway, and will run every Thursday for 12 weeks, consisting of both individual and team events. We ask that you please play between 1-6 pm and when calling for tee-times please let us know who is playing with you as this will make the event more organized. Each event costs \$3.00 which is paid back 100% in pro shop credit. If you are a single looking to play in the event, simply stop out and we will get you paired up with someone. We encourage foursomes to keep the pace up and it allows club members to meet each other.

For those involved in the 64-Man, please let us know you are playing a match when making a tee-time and we will have a scorecard ready for you. When finished playing, turn your scorecard in to the shop staff and we will post scores and update the bracket.

Some guys have inquired about the ruling if they go right of #2 or left of #6 with regards to the woods and some existing brush. We will play both these areas as a "lost ball" and encourage you to play a provisional to help speed play. You are allowed to play from the woods if you find your ball, but there is no free relief.

Thank all of you for making the Eastwood Men's Club such a fun group to work with. For those that are having some trouble scraping the rust of their swing or with simply scoring well, come see Ryan or I and we'll be sure to get you back on track. In the meanwhile, keep it in the short grass.

Sincerely from the assistants' corner,

Landon Dybing

*Driving Range
Grand Opening
June 8th*

**Extended
4-Ball Deadline
to June 3rd**

EASTWOOD MEN'S CLUB EVENT #1

BEST 3 OF 5 NET

May 6, 2007

Place	Name	Score	\$\$\$\$\$
1st	Ron Haugen Rick Cardiff Randy Johnson Rick Lien Curt Kraft	195 (-15)	\$27.00
2nd	Keith Landhuis Bobby Blake Al Gorski Ray Thom	197 (-13)	\$21.00
3rd	Chuck Mahlman Norm Perlenfein Gary Jennings Gaylan Willert	198 (-12)	\$13.00
T-4th	Ken Gerzsenyi Brian Egersdorf Frank Silker Dale Rohlfing	200 (-10)	\$6.00
T-4th	Jeff Ehrhart Bob Johnson Dan Hildestad Dick Valde John Tanaka	200 (-10)	\$6.00
T-4th	Jay Gorman Dave Roberts Mark Bofferding Jim Bowron Ken Caron	200 (-10)	\$6.00

FIELD EVENTS (\$10.00 EACH)

#9/18	Handicap 0-8	Closest to the Pin	Gary Heitkamp
#5/14	Handicap 9-13	Closest to the Pin	Mike Zenner
#3/12	Handicap 14-19	Closest 2nd Shot	Mark Bofferding
#6/15	Handicap 20+	Closest 2nd Shot	Don Hameister

IS \$3.50 A GALLON REALLY A PROBLEM?

by
Red Ruffensore



How are you enjoying the traditional Washington tennis match these days? Finger pointing like John McEnroe, politicians going both ways like half the women in professional tennis, and the blame for crisis being lobbed back and forth over the party line because no one dares find a solution. It is far easier to position yourself as a genius and file for the next election. Washington doesn't give a damn about solving *your* problems, it cares about who's wrong. My God! Let's blame Alberto Gonzales for everything. His incompetence seems to be the only thing Democrats and Republicans can agree on.

So, you are wondering, at this point, "Why is Ruffensore riled now?" Let me tell you. You may have noticed Ruffensore missing from the Eastwood Grill. Charlie Brannon has noticed. He's considering filing a lucky Chapter 13 because his beer sales have dropped abysmally this spring. Even though Ruffensore can't drive, the high cost of fuel is cutting into his travel. It is a serious thing when Ruffensore can't get to his beer. The world becomes a darker place.

No car, no driver's license, what is the big deal now that gasoline is closing in on \$3.50 per gallon? I will tell you. And I am not the only one complaining about fuel prices. All the people who help Ruffensore get to the Eastwood Grill are complaining. They say they can't afford to make that extra trip anymore. "Red," they say, "You know I love you and I'd do anything to make your pathetic contribution to society more valid. But I just can't take food out of the mouths of my starving family anymore. It's either give up shuttling you or give up my first born son."

Even the inimitable Gorman has jumped on the high-cost fuel bandwagon. Cruising into the Eastwood parking lot in his luxury ride after a four-minute commute to work, he'll tell you that the cost of gasoline is going to put his golf cart business on the skids. He may suspend operation soon and let the golfers walk because he loses money every time he puts his equipment on the course.

First Charlie, then Jeff. Who'll be next? It won't be long before the city pulls the plug on gas-powered lawn care equipment and turns to goats to trim our fairways. Besides the obvious savings in fuel, we have the added benefit of lower labor expenses (the AFSCME rate for a shepherd is much lower than for a Superintendent), the by-product of grass consumption can be converted to fertilizer or methane gas, and the market for goat cheese is skyrocketing. It will be a revenue enhancer, for sure!

So, back to tennis. Our political upmanship is the crux of the problem. Laying blame is the foundation on which crisis is based. Public reaction is the fuel that drives it.

Our beloved Democrats, the party of crass socialism, are crying *conspiracy* at every opportunity. They are quick to tell you that gasoline producers are creating shortages in order to drive price. They are quick to say that independence from foreign oil is essential to controlling prices at the pump, but they will not allow Big Oil to find new resources to exploit. They will tell you, flat out, that oil producers make too much money.

The Republicans, on the other hand, as they have always done, blame the Democrats in Congress for everything that is wrong in America. Including what you pay at the pump. They will remind you that over 100 billion barrels of oil lie waiting to be harvested in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. They will tell you that there really is no problem. The Democrats are posturing. They will tell share the *Inconvenient Truth* that fossil fuels, like gasoline, are not really that expensive in the big picture.

Politics aside. Look at economics. If there is one thing Ruffensore understands, it's economics. He took it in college four times, and eventually earned a passing grade. Gasoline is a commodity. Commodities are subject to the laws of "Supply and Demand".

Point 1: Our SUPPLY is shrinking. Blame the environmentalists, blame the refineries, blame the Lord for leaving us with a finite supply of oil. Blaming changes nothing. The supply is shrinking.

Point 2: The DEMAND is growing. Americans will maintain their right to personal transportation. Americans will maintain their demand for heavy horsepower. Even our gentler Americans, our wives, mothers and daughters, will continue to demand the safety they feel from the oversized family war wagons they drive now.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to tell you that this is a deadly combination for the masses. Gas comes first. Everything else is disposable income. The Republicans say this is a market driven economy. And it works for them because they own the markets. The Democrats hold to their socialist theories and lobby for war-time price controls and rationing so everyone has the same opportunity to hold onto the American Dream.

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Ruffensore has a better idea, and it is based on solid economic theory. We can cut back demand without damaging the economy, and it all revolves around golf. Here is what *you* need to do:

Car-Pool to Eastwood. It sounds socialist, but it is really social, right? Buddies arrive at the course at the same time, start and finish together and leave at the same time. Why not drive together? In a foursome, that cuts our consumption by 75%. And you could pick Ruffensore up on your way to the golf course.

Buy a home near Eastwood. You practically live there now. Your wife and family might actually see more of you. There is already a community on the east side of the course, another development growing west of old #3, and, of course, the brand new development complements of the find folks who brought us the new Back Nine (Opening Spring, 2006). You'll never drive to the course again. While that may make it tougher for Ruffensore to get to the Eastwood Grill, it opens all kinds of possibilities for him after Charlie kicks him out at closing time. Using no gas equals Power at the Pump.

Pull the covers over your head and become a couch potato. If you never leave the house, you'll never need to buy gasoline. You'll never need to pay another greens fee. You'll never come out on the short end of a \$5 Nassau. In fact, you could probably retire and never ever leave your house. No expenses except for your cable bill, beer and Cheeto's.

There are probably more ways to fight the battle than there are new tee markers at Eastwood. But you get my point. It doesn't matter if you are Republican or Democrat, Liberal or Conservative, Communist or Fascist. We can make a difference by changing the way we live. Contrary to the President, we don't need to collapse the US Economy to do it. You can support a sagging Real Estate market, you can support the beer, snack food and entertainment market, and you can support Red Ruffensore by buying him a glass of amber ale when you drop him off at the golf course. Do it for your country. Do it for Eastwood Golf Club. And do it for Red.



Sincerely,

Red Ruffensore

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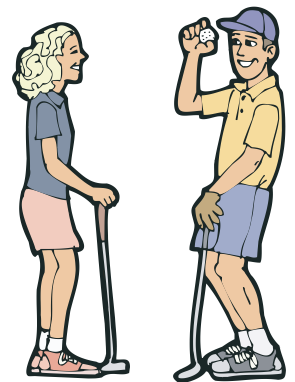
EASTWOOD GRILL

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Hours of operation:

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends



COUPLES GOLF

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June 16th

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July 21st

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August 18th

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September 22nd

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October 20th